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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
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For: CARTILAGE/BONE...REPARATION

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RULE 116 AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the office action of April 13, 2000, please
amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 4, line 10, cancel "they have" and insert --It has been--

line 12, change "material" to --composition--

lines 25 and 28, change "polypropylene" to

--polyoxypropylene--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 12 (amended) A cartilage and bone morphogenetic
repairing material [composition] comprising a collagen-free [an]
aqueous solution of 1 to 30°C of a polyoxyethylene-polyoxypropylene
glycol and an effective amount of a bone morphogenetic protein
[agent], the molecular weight of polyoxypropylene glycol being 900
to 4000 and the ethylene oxide is 5 to 90% by weight of the
molecule and gelatinizes at about 37°C.

Cancel claim 7 and add the following claim:



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